

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3649 - HB 3447

February 26, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that unemployment compensation benefits shall not be reduced or denied when an eligible claimant enrolls in any institution of higher education.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- No change in current Department policy requiring that a student who is an eligible claimant be able and available to work and actively seeking work.
- Under current state and federal law, an eligible claimant must be able and available for work, and actively seeking work to receive benefits.
- If a claimant can receive benefits without being able and available for work and without actively seeking work, it would be contradictory to federal law and the State of Tennessee could lose administrative monies under the unemployment insurance program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director